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AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT KAI TAK

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AN ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT KAI TAK AT 9.19 AM TODAY (WEDNESDAY) INVOLVING A CAAC TRIDENT AIRCRAFT, FLIGHT NUMBER CA 301 FROM GUANGZHOU, WHICH WAS LANDING ON RUNWAY 31 FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

IT LEFT THE RUNWAY ON THE EAST SIDE AND CAME TO REST PARTLY IN KOWLOON BAY AND PARTLY ON THE RUNWAY PROMONTORY.

A TOTAL OF 89 PASSENGERS AND CREW WERE REPORTED TO BE ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT.

EMERGENCY RESCUE OPERATIONS WERE IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DESIGNATED CRASH AND RESCUE UNITS, INCLUDING THE ROYAL NAVY, ROYAL AIR FORCE AND ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT AND RESCUE TEAMS.

EIGHTY-THREE PEOPLE WERE LED TO SAFETY FROM THE PARTLY SUBMERGED FUSELAGE. THIRTEEN OF THEM SUFFERED INJURIES AND WERE TAKEN TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL. SIX BODIES WERE ALSO RECOVERED.

URGENT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO REMOVE THE WRECKAGE AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE RUNWAY WILL RESUME OPERATION AT ABOUT 4 PM.

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACCIDENT HAS COMMENCED AND IT IS BEING CONDUCTED BY INSPECTORS OF THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION (INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS) REGULATIONS.

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GOVERNOR SENDS CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID HE HAD ALREADY SENT HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD DIED IN THE AIR CRASH AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING 13 PEOPLE, WHO WERE INJURED IN THE ACCIDENT, AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

SIR DAVID, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON ON HIS VISIT, WISHED THE INJURED TO GET WELL SOON AND PRAISED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES WHICH, HE SAID, PERFORMED EXTREMELY WELL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

HE SAID THE PATIENTS WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT HAD BEEN DONE BY THE HOSPITAL TO LOOK AFER THEM.

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THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE ACTIONS OF SOME OF THE INJURED PEOPLE WHO HELPED OTHERS. "THERE WAS ONE MAN I TALKED TO WHO HAD GONE BACK SEVERAL TIMES IN THE WATER TO SAVE OTHER PEOPLE. IT WAS A VERY COMMENDABLE THING TO DO," SIR DAVID ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACCIDENT HAD ALREADY STARTED.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING HAD BEEN INFORMED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACCIDENT SO THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO TELL THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, SIR DAVID SAID.

"OTHERWISE THERE IS THE NORMAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AVIATION AUTHORITIES ON THE TWO SIDES," HE NOTED.

ASKED IF THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED TO REPLACE KAI TAK AIRPORT IN VIEW OF THE ACCIDENT, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WHAT WE MUST DO IS FIRST OF ALL LOOK INTO THE CAUSE OF THIS ACCIDENT. QUITE SEPARATELY, WE MUST LOOK AT THE QUESTION OF KAI TAK AND THE FUTURE OF KAI TAK.

"I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE MAKING DECISIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE AIRPORT ON THE BASIS OF AN ACCIDENT LIKE THIS. THE ACCIDENT MUST BE TREATED ON ITS OWN."

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## GOVERNOR VISITS SHAM SHUI PO AND SAN YICK CLOSED CENTRES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE SHAM SHUI PO AND SAN YICK CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR MIKE HANSON, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

THE GOVERNOR PRAISED CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF AND VOLUNTARY WORKERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN LOOKING AFTER THE REFUGEES.

"THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB IN MAKING THE BEST OF THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS THERE," HE SAID AFTER A MORNING INSPECTION TOUR OF THE TWO CENTRES.

"THESE BUILDINGS WERE NOT INTENDED FOR HOUSING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. INEVITABLY, THEY ARE NOT UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE CLOSED CENTRES WHERE THE REFUGEES WERE PREVIOUSLY HOUSED," HE SAID.

"BUT WITH OVER 17,000 BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG SO FAR THIS YEAR, WE HAVE HAD TO IMPROVISE IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE CONTINUING INFLUX.

/"THE ARRIVAL .....

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"THE ARRIVAL OF SUCH LARGE NUMBERS OF BOAT PEOPLE HAS CREATED AN IMMENSE BURDEN FOR A SMALL TERRITORY WHERE LAND IS SCARCE."

DURING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE STEPS THAT ARE BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS AT THE CENTRES.

"LAST WEEK, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGREED THAT AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS LIBERALISATION OF CONDITIONS AT THE CENTRES, SCHOOL-AGE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN AT THE SHAM SHUI PO AND SAN YICK CENTRES WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLOSED CENTRES," HE SAID.

"AT THE SAN YICK CLOSED CENTRE, IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO THE DRAINAGE FACILITIES.

"ONE AND A HALF FLOORS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE REFUGEES. AND WE ARE WORKING OUT WAYS OF ALLOWING THE REFUGEES OUTSIDE THE CENTRE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES."

"FINALLY," HE SAID, "WE ARE URGENTLY LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS OF ACCOMMODATING AT LEAST SOME OF THE REFUGEES NOW IN SAN YICK. THIS WILL NOT BE EASY. BUT WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS FOR THESE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE IN HONG KONG AWAITING RESETTLEMENT."

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#### UK BUSINESSMEN BRIEFED ON HK OPPORTUNITIES

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THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BRIEFED BUSINESSMEN IN LONDON ON THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH LAY AHEAD FOR THEM AS HONG KONG EMBARKED ON A MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL EXPANSION.

MR YAXLEY WAS ADDRESSING A SEMINAR AT THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH HE NOTED WOULD BE SENDING A MISSION TO HONG KONG NEXT JANUARY.

IN HIS SPEECH "HONG KONG: THE NEXT DECADE", MR YAXLEY GAVE AN OUTLINE OF THE "EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS" WHICH WERE ALREADY CHANGING THE FACE OF HONG KONG.

CITING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSINGS, NEW CONTAINER PORT FACILITIES AND POSSIBLY A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HE SAID THESE WERE DEVELOPMENTS "IN WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER".

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IF IT WENT AHEAD, THE AIRPORT PROJECT, IN PARTICULAR, WOULD "ENTAIL A NEW HEAVY INVESTMENT, THE MAGNITUDE OF WHICH EVEN HONG KONG HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE," HE SAID.

MR YAXLEY ADDED THAT IN RECENT YEARS ECONOMIC GROWTH IN HONG KONG WAS ALSO DRIVEN BY A NEW EXTERNAL FORCE - ITS GROWING TRADE WITH CHINA.

THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES HAD TO BE IMPROVED EVEN FURTHER TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OFFERED BY CHINA'S OPEN DOOR POLICY, HE SAID.

REFERRING TO PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH RAPID GROWTH IN PAST DECADES, MR YAXLEY SAID HONG KONG WAS NOW GEARED TO MEET THE HIGHER EXPECTATIONS OF A MORE SOPHISTICATED AND DEMANDING COMMUNITY.

PROJECTS INCLUDING BETTER DESIGNED NEW TOWNS, MAJOR RECLAMATIONS, NEW TRUNK HIGHWAYS AND POSSIBLY A RAILWAY SPUR FROM SHA TIN TO KWAI CHUNG, A NEW CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND RAILWAY LINK, AND A 10-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL WERE "JUST A BEGINNING" TO A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE, HE SAID.

RECENTLY, A NEW LONG-TERM HOUSING STRATEGY WAS PREPARED AND THE HONG KONG LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WAS SET UP TO FACILITATE A COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

IN CONCLUSION, MR YAXLEY ADVISED BUSINESSMEN TO VISIT HONG KONG AND TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND IN ORDER NOT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE EXCITING INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD EXTEND OVER THE NEXT DECADE AND BEYOND.

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BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION UPGRADED

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THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS ISSUED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND BY THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION IN HONG KONG:

"THE STATUS OF THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION IN HONG KONG IS TO BE UPGRADED. FROM SEPTEMBER 1 IT WILL BE HEADED BY A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR GRADE OF THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

"THE PRESENT SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR REG HOLLOWAY, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE SENIOR GRADE AND REMAINS IN CHARGE OF THE POST. HE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL IN MACAU."

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UPGRADING OF BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION WELCOMED

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) WELCOMED THE UPGRADING OF THE STATUS OF THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION IN HONG KONG AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESENT SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR REG HOLLOWAY, TO THE SENIOR GRADE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOVE ACKNOWLEDGED HONG KONG'S GROWING ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"IT ALSO REFLECTS THE HIGH PRIORITY WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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"PARENTAL CHOICE" IN SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME

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A NEW PROCEDURE OF "PARENTAL CHOICE" WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SEPTEMBER TO ALLOW PARENTS TO CHOOSE DOCTORS FOR THEIR CHILDREN UNDER THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD, DR DAVID WONG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, DR WONG SAID THAT BASICALLY THE MAJOR CHANGES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) SCHOOLS AND DOCTORS WILL BE DIVIDED GEOGRAPHICALLY INTO 19 DISTRICTS ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICT BOARD BOUNDARIES.
- (B) DOCTORS WILL BE LISTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR AREA OF PRACTICE IN THE 19 DISTRICTS CORRESPONDING TO THE AREAS OF THE SCHOOLS CONCERNED.
- (C) PARENTS WILL BE ASKED TO CHOOSE DOCTORS FROM THE LIST OF DOCTORS IN THE AREA OF THE SCHOOL AND ALSO TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AUTHORISING THEIR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME.

THE CHOICE, HOWEVER, IS SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DOCTOR CHOSEN AS EACH PANEL DOCTOR HAS A SPECIFIED LIMIT OF STUDENTS HE WILL ACCEPT FOR THE YEAR. IF THE CHOICE IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE BOARD WILL ASSIGN ANOTHER DOCTOR FROM THE LIST.

- (D) NEW PARTICIPATION CARDS EACH BEARING THE CHOP OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD AND SHOWING THE NAME OF THE DOCTOR CHOSEN BY THE PARENT WILL BE ISSUED TO STUDENTS FOR USE UP TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1989.

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DR WONG SAID ALL REGISTERED PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN HONG KONG WERE INVITED TO REGISTER WITH THE SCHEME.

"IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION A TOTAL OF 522 DOCTORS HAVE APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION, COMPARED TO 439 DOCTORS REGISTERED WITH THE SCHEME LAST YEAR," HE SAID.

"THE PARENTS OF ALL THE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND IN SECONDARY 1 TO 3 IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE INVITED TO CHOOSE DOCTORS FOR THEIR CHILDREN UNDER THE SCHEME.

"THUS, THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE WILL BE REACHING OUT TO A POTENTIAL OF SOME 800,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN. AS AT MARCH 31, 1988, A TOTAL OF 380,166 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN 912 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED."

THE NEW SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIVE BY OCTOBER 1, 1988, AND TO ACHIEVE THIS WILL REQUIRE THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE PARENTS AND THE SCHOOLS IN KEEPING TO A VERY TIGHT TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETING ALL THE PROCESSES INVOLVED.

"I WOULD THEREFORE ADVISE THE PARENTS TO RETURN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SCHOOLS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PERFERABLY NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 9," DR WONG SAID.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR WILFRED TSUI, ADDED THAT IN PARALLEL WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURES, A WORKING PARTY HAD ALSO BEEN APPOINTED TO REVIEW THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME AND TO CONSIDER ANY ALTERNATIVE METHODS IN MEETING THE OBJECTIVES.

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#### EPD SIGNS DEMONSTRATION AGREEMENTS WITH FARMERS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS SIGNED AGREEMENTS WITH SIX OF THE 10 PRIVATE FARM OPERATORS SELECTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTING UP OF LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT DEMONSTRATION SYSTEMS AT THEIR FARMS.

SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE OTHER FARM OPERATORS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

AT THE AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE EPD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WASTE AND WATER), MR MIKE STOKOE, SAID THE 10 FARMS WERE SELECTED CAREFULLY.

THEY REPRESENTED A GOOD MIX OF PIG AND POULTRY FARMS RANGING FROM SMALL TO LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS, AND WERE SUITABLE FOR DEMONSTRATION OF THE VARIOUS RECOMMENDED TREATMENT METHODS.

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THE SELECTION OF FARMS WAS FINALISED AFTER FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE STEERING GROUP COMPRISING FARMERS' REPRESENTATIVES, MEMBERS OF THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THOSE FARMS SELECTED FOR THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT COMPRISE ONE PIG FARM AND TWO CHICKEN FARMS FOR THE DRY MUCK-OUT SYSTEM, ONE PIG FARM AND ONE CHICKEN FARM FOR THE WET MUCK-OUT SYSTEM, ONE PIG FARM AND ONE CHICKEN FARM FOR THE HYBRID SYSTEM, AND THREE PIG FARMS FOR THE PIG-ON-LITTER SYSTEM.

PARTICIPATING FARMERS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND PROVIDED WITH DETAILS OF THE ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS AND ADDITIONAL MANPOWER REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE DEMONSTRATION SYSTEMS.

UNDER THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT, THE EPD WILL PAY FOR ALL THE NECESSARY COSTS OF SETTING UP THE DEMONSTRATION FACILITIES AT THE SELECTED FARMS, INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT AND COMMISSION THE TREATMENT SYSTEMS.

MR STOKOE SAID UPON COMMISSIONING THE TREATMENT SYSTEMS WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE PARTICIPATING FARMERS WHO WILL ALSO BE TRAINED TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANT.

PARTICIPATING FARMERS ARE REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE SYSTEMS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES AND BEAR ALL THE OPERATING COSTS FOR THAT PERIOD.

"WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF TENDERING AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT ACTUAL INSTALLATION WORKS AT THE SELECTED FARMS CAN COMMENCE BY OCTOBER.

"THE EPD WILL ORGANISE GROUPS OF INTERESTED FARMERS TO SEE HOW THE DEMONSTRATION TREATMENT SYSTEMS WORK AT PRIVATE FARMS WHEN SUCH SYSTEMS ARE IN OPERATION," MR STOKOE ADDED.

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MORE ELDERLY TO BENEFIT FROM ALLOWANCE

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THE FIRST PHASE OF THE EXTENSION OF THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE (OAA) SCHEME TO BENEFIT MORE ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

IT COVERS THE 68 AND THE 69 AGE GROUPS AND THE RATE IS \$280 PER MONTH.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE IN PERSON OR IN WRITING TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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TO QUALIFY, AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS SINCE REACHING THE AGE OF 63.

IN ADDITION, HE OR SHE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIMPLE FINANCIAL DECLARATION.

SINGLE PERSONS WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE ALLOWANCE PROVIDED THAT THEIR INCOME IS NOT MORE THAN \$1,700 PER MONTH AND THAT THEY HAVE ASSETS WORTH NOT MORE THAN \$100,000.

THE LIMITS FOR A MARRIED COUPLE ARE A MONTHLY INCOME OF \$2,800 AND ASSETS WORTH \$150,000.

ANY ELDERLY PERSON WHO FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO VISIT THE FIELD UNIT IN PERSON CAN APPOINT SOMEONE TO APPLY ON HIS BEHALF.

APPLICANTS OR APPOINTEES SHOULD BRING WITH THEM TO THE FIELD UNIT THE APPLICANT'S HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO THE FIELD UNIT.

THEY WILL BE GIVEN AN APPOINTMENT TO COME BACK ON A SPECIFIED DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

MEANWHILE, THE FIELD UNITS ARE PROCESSING SOME 18,000 INITIAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE AUGUST 1 WHEN ACCEPTANCE OF BEGAN.

"REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS, THE ALLOWANCE WILL BE PAYABLE FROM SEPTEMBER 1; OR THE DATE OF INITIAL APPLICATION; OR THE DATE THE APPLICANT REACHES THE QUALIFYING AGE, WHICHEVER IS APPROPRIATE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 51,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS INITIAL EXTENSION OF THE OAA SCHEME.

THE SECOND PHASE OF EXTENSION IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN APRIL NEXT YEAR TO COVER THE 67-YEAR-OLD GROUP.

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#### YOUTH AND OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES RENAMED

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THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AND THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE RENAMED IN ORDER TO REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY THE NATURE OF THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE WHICH HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING CAREERS EDUCATION IN HONG KONG WILL BE RENAMED AS THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE.

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THE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AT ITS THREE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES SITUATED IN CAUSEWAY BAY, TO KWA WAN AND TSUEN WAN.

THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WILL BE REPLACED BY ITS THREE EXISTING SERVICES.

THE EXTERNAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WILL ADMINISTER THE CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG ORDINANCE; THE FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPERS SERVICE WILL ADMINISTER MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPERS; AND THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTRATION WILL ADMINISTER PROVISIONS IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE OPERATING REQUIREMENTS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES AND THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS.

THESE THREE SERVICES WILL REMAIN OPERATING FROM THEIR EXISTING OFFICES LOCATED AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 12TH FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB COMMITTEE TO BE BRIEFED ON RECLAMATION PROJECT

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A PAPER ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGE II OF THE LAI CHI KOK BAY RECLAMATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE PROJECT IS TO RECLAIM THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE SEABED IN LAI CHI KOK BAY IN ORDER TO TIE IN WITH THE ADJACENT LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, ESPECIALLY THE CONTAINER PORT EXTENSION AND BACK-UP AREAS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS AN AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM IN THE WAI MING BLOCK OF CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE.

A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE RAISED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 59 FAT CHEUNG STREET, KOWLOON. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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VEGETABLE GROWING COMPETITION INVITES ENTRIES

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TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT BY TAKING GOOD CARE OF PLANTS, A VEGETABLE GROWING COMPETITION WILL BE ORGANISED AGAIN THIS YEAR BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE 1988-89 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN VEGETABLE GROWING (IN POTS) COMPETITION ALSO AIMS TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE BY PROVIDING CHILDREN WITH A CHANCE TO LEARN FROM DOING.

STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE SHAPE, STRUCTURE AND GROWTH OF PLANTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVATION.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS FOR SCHOOLS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ADVISED THAT PLANTING SHOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN NEXT MONTH AND LATE JANUARY.

ENTRY FORMS AND DETAILS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SPECIES, SIZE OF POTS, PLANTING WORK AND THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION (PRIMARY SCHOOL) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 509, FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, 33-37 HYSAN AVENUE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE SECTION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS SHOULD SEND IN THEIR EXHIBITS TO THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT IN THE MORNING OF JANUARY 24, 1989.

A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SAME DAY IN THE AFTERNOON. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE CENTRE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LAN KWAI FONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT LAN KWAI FONG IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 8 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 3) TO 7 PM THE NEXT DAY FOR THE HOLDING OF THE THIRD LAN KWAI FONG STREET FESTIVAL.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) FOR ABOUT 11 WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS:

- \* ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER CLUB STREET.
- \* JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- \* CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 103 ON ITS JOURNEYS TO POKFIELD ROAD AND KMB AIRBUS ROUTE A2 ON ITS JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JACKSON ROAD.

IN ADDITION, ALL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER WING WAH LANE FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 3) FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

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SPEED LIMIT ON KWUN TONG ROAD ADJUSTED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD, THE SPEED LIMIT ON TWO SECTIONS OF KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE CHANGED FROM THE EXISTING 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR TO 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 3).

THE TWO AFFECTED ROAD SECTIONS ARE:

- \* THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWUN TONG ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE WESTERN END OF THE FLYOVER JOINING WAI YIP STREET.
- \* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWUN TONG ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE WESTERN END OF THE FLYOVER JOINING WAI YIP STREET TO ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

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